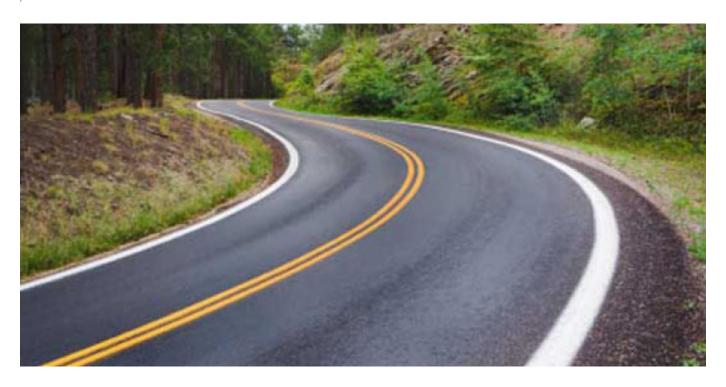# RITCHIE: NEW STATE BUDGET WILL HELP IMPROVE CNY & NNY ROADS AND BRIDGES

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State Senator Patty Ritchie has announced the new state budget includes nearly $25 million to improve local roads and bridges throughout municipalities she represents in Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties.

The funding is part of an overall $27.1 billion regionally balanced transportation plan. While the Executive Budget was weighted toward downstate transportation projects, the Senate

succeeded in ensuring parity with downstate on overall highway, bridge and transportation funding.

"By making key investments in our local roads and bridges, we're not only improving our transportation network for those who travel it, we're also helping local governments balance budget and in turn, are reliving stress on taxpayers," said Senator Ritchie.

"This funding will help to make possible a number of important projects throughout the region I represent, and at the same time will help to improve—and make safer—our roads and bridges, while at the same time strengthening our economy."

Included in the new state spending plan is more than $20.2 million for CHIPS funding that will help to improve local roads and bridges throughout municipalities Senator Ritchie represents in Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties.

Municipalities in Senator Ritchie's district will also receive over $4.6 million in new funding for the paving, rehabilitating and maintaining of roadways through the "PAVE NY" program. Totaling $400 million over four years, the Senate successfully advocated for the equitable distribution of PAVE NY funds according to the same formula as CHIPS funding to ensure regional, fair distribution.

In addition, new State Budget also includes $400 million for the new BRIDGE NY program, which will provide funding for repairs to local bridges across the state.

For a full breakdown of transportation funding, please click on the above PDF file.